

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 08/16/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 68-72, 74-79 and 81-92.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 24 December 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner's Amendment

1. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment maybe filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Pursuant to MPEP 606.01, the title has been changed to read:

-- A WEB BASED EMAIL CONTROL CENTER FOR MONITORING AND PROVIDING A SUMARY OF THE DETECTED EVENT INFORMATION ORGANIZED ACCORDING TO RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE USER AND NETWORK SITES --

3. Claims 68-72, 74-79 and 81-92 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In interpreting the claims, in light of the specification and the applicant's arguments filed on 08/16/2004, the Examiner finds the claimed invention to be patentably distinct from the prior art of record.

Gabber-Pepper teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Gabber-Pepper teaches a system and method for detecting and accumulating event information corresponding to online events and presenting presentation information corresponding

to the online events to a user (see Gabber, C12: L19-44 and C13: L33-37). Gabber-Pepper also teaches a system and method for automatically screening and directing incoming events, such as telephone calls, emails, faxes and the like (i.e., alerts corresponding to notifications) to a communication services subscriber, wherein the subscriber maybe notified by an interactive GUI pop-up window (i.e., a message window) displaying a list of new pending messages (i.e., a summary of accumulated event information) (see Pepper, Figs. 7 and 10-11, C3: L12-17 and C8:L35 – C9:L11).

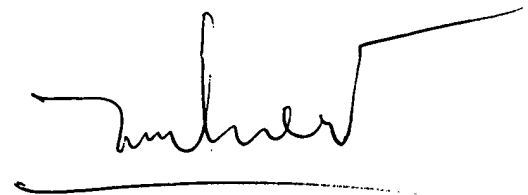
However, the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest individually or in combination that a system and method of presenting presentation information to a user corresponding to the accumulated event information, ***wherein the presentation information comprising a summary of the event information (or the summary of the detected status changes according to the user accounts) organized according to relationships between the user and the plurality of network sites, the presentation information being presented in a message window*** while the user is accessing the network utilizing a browser application as set forth in independent claims 68, 76, 83 and 88. Claims 68-72, 74-79 and 81-92 are allowed because of the combination of other limitations and the limitation listed above.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quang N. Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-8190.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on (703) 305-4003. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER